

wherein production capacity that is determined based on a capability of production in the production department has been input to the production reservation calendar in advance.

2. (Amended) A production managing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the estimate information from the sales department is input into said supporting system by employing either the Internet or a public telephone line.

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3. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the estimate information from the sales department contains information indicating a degree of certainty of an order, and said generating part of a production reservation calendar calculates a production schedule based upon said degree of certainty of the order and enables to show a completion date of the article at a time the sales department inputs the estimate information.

4. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said generating part of a production reservation calendar comprises:

a manufacture date calendar which is generated based on the estimate information input to said supporting system, and

wherein said generating part of a production reservation calendar generates a parts completion date calendar which is supplied to a parts maker with employment of both a providing period assigned by respective parts and said manufacture data calendar.

5. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said generating part of a production reservation calendar comprises:

a manufacture date calendar which is generated based on the estimate information input to said supporting system, and

wherein said generating part of a production reservation calendar generates a manufacture stage calendar which is supplied to a manufacture department with employment of said manufacture date calendar.

6. (Amended) A production reservation system for reserving production of an article based upon estimate information of a sales department comprising:

a supporting system for permitting input and storage of estimate information containing a requested due date from the sales department; and

a generating part of a production reservation calendar reserving a production schedule in a production reservation calendar based on the estimate information input to said supporting system,

wherein said generating part of the production reservation calendar reserves production of one of empty seats of the production reservation calendar which is calculated based on a standard time period required for supply of parts and manufacturing set up to a standard article, an optional time period needed for a modified article modified from the standard article, and delivery time period for delivering the article.

7. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said generating part of the production reservation calendar reserves production of one of the empty seats located before the requested due date by more than a delivery due date and located after elapsing a total of the standard time period originated from inputting the estimate information by the sales division and the optional time period.

8. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 7, wherein said generating part of the production reservation calendar reserves production of an empty seat of the production reservation calendar which is located nearest the requested due date.

9. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said generating part of the production reservation calendar reserves production of an empty seat of the production reservation calendar which locates nearest the requested due date and after the requested due date when no empty seat is found before the requested due date.

10. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein when reservation information is changed into "no order", said generating part of a production reservation calendar cancels a corresponding reservation and reserves another article.

11. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 2, wherein when reservation information is changed into "no order", said generating part of a production reservation calendar cancels a corresponding reservation and reserves another article.

12. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 3, wherein when reservation information is changed into "no order", said generating part of a production reservation calendar cancels a corresponding reservation and reserves another article.

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Conti.* 13. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 4, wherein when reservation information is changed into "no order", said generating part of a production reservation calendar cancels a corresponding reservation and reserves another article.

14. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 5, wherein when reservation information is changed into "no order" said generating part of a production reservation calendar cancels a corresponding reservation and reserves another article.

15. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 6, wherein when reservation information is changed into "no order", said generating

part of a production reservation calendar cancels a corresponding reservation and reserves another article.

16. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 7, wherein when reservation information is changed into "no order", said generating part of a production reservation calendar cancels a corresponding reservation and reserves another article.

17. (Amended) A production reservation system as claimed in claim 8, wherein when reservation information is changed into "no order", said generating part of a production reservation calendar cancels a corresponding reservation and reserves another article.

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Amendment. The attached is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

Entry of the above amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.